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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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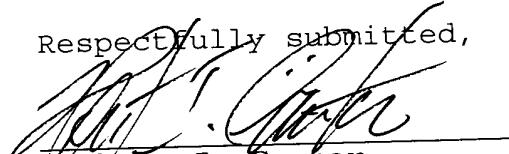
entitled: WOOD-BASED DECORATIVE ARTICLE AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 27 claims (26 pages), in Japanese.
2. 9 Sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-15.
3. _____ Declaration and Power of Attorney (un/executed).
4. Assignment of the invention to _____.
5. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 152411/2000, filed in Japan on May 24, 2000; Priority Document 160998/2000, filed in Japan on May 30, 2000; Priority Document 162643/2000, filed in Japan on May 31, 2000; Priority Document 171843/2000, filed in Japan on June 8, 2000; and Priority Document 117243/2001, filed in Japan on April 16, 2001;.

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